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SUBJECT: 104TH EXBD AGENDA ITEM 4.2: RECOMMENDATIONS ON
DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET (20 C/5) - NATURAL SCIENCES

1. IN ADDITION TO NAT COM COMMENTS ALREADY TRANSMITTED,
DEPT WILL BE PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS
AND PROJECTS. FOLLOWING PERTAINS TO 20 C/5 PARAS 2242-
2314 (MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES)

2. INSTRUCTIONS

(A) USDEL SHOULD URGE THAT THE PROJECTS UNDER THIS OBJECTIVE BE REVIEWED AND ASSIGNED PRIORITIES SO THAT
UNESCO'S LIMITED RESOURCES CAN BE USED TO BETTER SUPPORT A
SMALLER NUMBER OF MORE REALISTICALLY FUNDED PROJECTS.

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(B) PARA 2248: USDEL SHOULD PROPOSE CHANGING THE WORDS
QUOTE ABOUT FIVE UNQUOTE TO QUOTE A FEW UNQUOTE.

(C) PARA 2249: USDEL SHOULD PROPOSE DELETION OF THE WORDS
QUOTE SOME 15 UNQUOTE.

3. DISCUSSION

PARAS 2242-2314: AS WITH MOST UNESCO BUDGETS, OBJECTIVE 7.1 INCLUDES TOO MANY TASKS AND NOT ENOUGH MONEY. THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE REDUCED DRASTICALLY, AND REARRANGED ON A PRIORITY BASIS REFLECTING WHAT UNESCO REALLY CAN DO WELL.

PARAS 2248 AND 2249: THE IGCP IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A PROGRAM REVIEW WHICH IS EXPECTED TO RECOMMEND TERMINATION OF SOME PROJECTS WHICH HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES AND ADOPTION OF A SMALL NUMBER OF NEW PROJECTS BASED ON RELEVANCE TO THE OVERALL PROGRAM. THE PRECISE NUMBER IN EACH CATEGORY CANNOT BE PREDICTED. VANCE

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